Encroachments on Kozhitodu Canal.

111. ✱ **MR. E. K. KUNJURAMAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what actions or steps they have taken to protect the Kozhitodu Canal from the encroachments of the people in the neighbourhood to lessen the width of the above canal which has resulted in want of sufficient room to drain away the waters of the *punchas* of the Aranmula *pakuthi* in response to the queries I have made in the last sessions of this Assembly;

(*b*) what action has been taken by the Land Revenue Department to prevent such encroachments;

(*c*) if they have taken any action as required in part (*b*), how many encroachment cases have been taken by them;

(*d*) what steps have been taken in the matter to make the canal wider and deeper and to take upon themselves the responsibility of protecting the canal from such encroachments;

(*e*) whether the Irrigation Department has prepared and forwarded to them any estimate in connection with the above; and

(*f*) if so, when they have done it and what is the nature of the estimate?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Action was taken against the encroachers under the provisions of the Land Conservancy Regulation and the encroachments evicted.

(*b*) The Revenue subordinates detect encroachments whenever they occur.

(*c*) Two encroachment cases were taken.

(*d*) The Chief Engineer has received an estimate for widening and deepening the *todu*.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) On 28-8-'36. It is proposed to grade and deepen the *todu* where it is narrow and silted up, to construct masonry cross-bar with necessary side walls and to provide D. R. pitching and flooring wherever necessary.

Maintenance of roads.

112. ✱ **MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the most unsatisfactory condition of the following roads:—

(i) the Trivandrum-Kattakada road *via* Malayinkil;

(ii) the Nalukettu-Tirupuram road;

(iii) the Nemom-Oorutampalam road; and

(*b*) the maintenance grant for each of these roads?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) They are in good condition, except the portion from Kundankadavu to the 6th mile Kottoor road, a length of 4 miles of the Trivandrum—Kattakada road.

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[Mr. G. B. E. Truscott.]

(*b*) 1st road—Rs. 2,046.
2nd road—Rs. 120.
3rd road - Rs. 144.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): For how long has this road been in such bad condition?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I am sorry I cannot give a definite answer.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Has the Government or the Chief Engineer received petitions from the people, last year as well as this year, that due to the bad condition of the road vehicle traffic had to be completely stopped?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Petitions have been received; but I do not know whether vehicle traffic has been completely stopped.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Out of the grant for the work, what is the amount that was actually expended last year?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Has any action been taken against the officers responsible for keeping the road in such bad condition?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It is not the fault of the officers. There is heavy traffic on the road, and the maintenance grant is not sufficient to keep the road in such a condition as one would wish.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Are the Government aware that this is the only road from Kattakada to Trivandrum and that, when this road is not available, the people are forced to adopt a circuitous and costly route if they want to come to Trivandrum?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I think the honourable member is correct in that statement.

MR. K. R ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): When was the matter brought to the notice of the Government?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I believe, in November 1935.

Supply of Pokkuvaravu Forms.

113. * MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many *Pokkuvaravu* "A" forms (L. R. form No. 250) were supplied in 1112 M. E., for the use of the *pakuthi cutcherries* in Nedumangad and Chirayinkil taluks; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that in the absence of the above forms, the lists of voters for the Sri Mulam Assembly and the State Council could not be prepared and completed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) 2610 and 2837 *Pokkuvaravu* A forms were supplied for use in the Nedumangad and Chirayinkil taluks, respectively, in 1112 M. E.

(*b*) No.

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